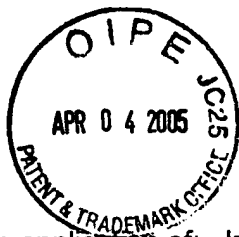


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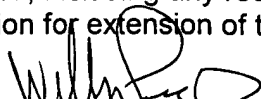
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of January 13, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on April 13, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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